

Tribal Program Newsletter

This newsletter provides information on meetings and conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, please contact Maria Castain (415) 972-3264 or through email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit our Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

Man has responsibility, not power (Tuscarora)

Meetings and conferences

Mar. 8-11 Intertribal GIS/Indigenous Mapping Conference, Catoosa, OK

The goal of this conference is to provide opportunities for networking and to promote the continued growth and strengthening of Intertribal GIS and Indigenous mapping. If you have any questions, please contact Laura at (918) 456-0671 x 2421 or email gis-info@cherokee.org. For more information, go to <http://www.cherokee.org/extras/events/gis/>.

Mar. 15-16 Northeastern Regional Community and Urban IPM Conference, Manchester, NH

The goal of the conference is to share insights and expertise on the emerging issues of integrated pest management (IPM) in homes, schools, parks, golf courses, roadways, and other urban settings. Continuing education credits will be offered. For more information, visit the conference Web site (http://nepmc.org/conference2005_index.cfm) or contact Liz Thomas, Northeastern IPM Center, Cornell University at (315) 787-2626 or egt3@cornell.edu.

Mar. 29-30 Western Governors' Summit on Indian Gaming, Denver, CO

The Summit will examine issues raised by the growth of tribal gaming since the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA). For more information on the Summit visit the WGA Web site at <http://www.westgov.org>: or contact Karen Deike or Chris McKinnon, (303) 623-9378.

Apr. 7-8 Tribal Energy Southwest Conference, Las Vegas, NV Call: (800) 854-8009

Apr. 17-22 Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit, Sitka, AK Contact: <http://www.sitkatribes.org>

Apr. 19-21 National Tribal Forum Conference, Red Wing, MN

For information, and applications, please visit
<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/programs/ntf05.asp> or call Dan Florio, at:
Danny.Florio@nau.edu Draft agenda will be posted by March 7

Apr. 21-24 Society for CA Archaeology (SCA) Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA

Information about the SCA and its programs can be found on Web site
<http://www.scahome.org>. If you have questions about the upcoming meeting
or the SCA Native American Programs Committee, please call (530) 629-
3153 or email jpeidsness@yahoo.com.

Apr. 26-28 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA

Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov

**May 11-14 Annual Wind Energy Applications and Training Symposium (WEATS),
Boulder, CO**

The WEATS fee will be waived for Native American participants. If interested
in attending, contact Tony Jimenez at tony_jimenez@nrel.gov. The following
Web site has more information: <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy04osti/36418.pdf>

**May 24-26 4th Annual Conference on Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR),
Tucson, AZ**

This conference will focus on understanding ECR principles and practices,
engaging multiple governments, parties and affected communities and
encouraging innovations and new applications. For more information, visit
<http://www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005> or call 1-877-ECR2005.

**Jun. 7-10 7th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Traverse
City, MI**

The Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians invites
participation in this conference. GTB will have significant room for interested
vendors at the conference. For more information please contact Andy Knott,
GTB Environmental Stewardship Director at (231) 271-7363 or email
aknott@gtbindians.com or Suzanne McSawby, GTB Natural Resource
Department Director at (231) 271-7104 or email smcsawby@gtbindians.com.

Jun. 8-10 Natural Resource Law Center (NRLC) Annual Conference, Boulder, CO

This conference will focus on the emerging water supply crisis on the Colorado River, a result of 5 years of extreme drought, growth in regional water demands, and institutional arrangements that over-allocate the flow of the river among competing uses. For more information, please contact Doug Kenney, (303) 492-1296 or email Douglas.kenney@colorado.edu

Jul. 12-15 8th Region 2 Annual EPA National Community Involvement Conference, Buffalo, NY

The conference includes several keynote speakers; evening social activities, open time sessions, field trips, an exhibit room, and a poster session. Please visit the conference's Web site: <http://www.epancic.org/2005/overview.cfm> for more information.

Jul. 12-15 2nd Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference, Window Rock, AZ

The conference is: "Safeguarding Drinking Water for Future Generations." For more information, please go to the following Web site: <http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference> or call Michelle K. Silver at (928) 871-7755.

Jul. 26-28 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA
Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Aug. 9-12 7th Annual National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Lac du Flambeau, WI

This annual meeting will be held at the Lake of the Torches Convention Center. For additional information go to <http://www.nathpo.org>

Oct. 24-28 13th Region 9 annual Tribal/EPA Conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria, Coarsegold, CA

For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633 or email selizondo@chukchansi.com

Nov. 2-4 2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO

This is a uniquely designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8. It will feature environmental issues facing the west including Tribal Brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 website in February: www.brownfields2005.org, or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at coursen.robin@epa.gov.

Training

Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Please note that most expenses for courses sponsored by DHS are reimbursable.

Mar. 7-10 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

Aug. 1-4 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

The above courses provide tribal leaders and representatives with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their role in leading and directing their tribes in developing and implementing comprehensive emergency management systems. For more information, call Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, or email linda.straka@dhs.gov

Apr 11-14 Mitigation for Tribal Officials, Emmetsburg, MD

The course provides tribal members and their representatives with an overview of FEMA's mitigation programs, outlines tribal mitigation responsibilities and discusses opportunities for achieving mitigation successes. The course will cover mitigation planning, National Flood Insurance Program and mitigation grant programs. For more information, contact Dawn Warehime, (301) 447-1309, dawn.warehime@dhs.gov

Jun 6-9 Emergency Management Operations for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

The goal of the course is to identify tribal organizational structures, operational procedures, and resources for effective emergency management operations. For more information, contact Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, linda.straka@dhs.gov,

For more information on DHS courses, visit <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb>

Apr. 8-10 Photovoltaic (sunlight to electricity) Installation Training Workshop, Bronx Community College Center for Sustainable Energy, Bronx, NY

For more information, go to: <http://www.quad-state-solar.com>, or <http://www.nabcep.org/>. For additional information, contact the college at 718-289-5170, or mail@csebccc.org

May 9-13 Tribal Nonpoint Source Program (NPS) Workshops, Palm Springs, CA

(1). The Clean Water Act (CWA): A Key Tool for Watershed Protection (Watershed 101). Participants in Watershed 101 will learn how the various authorities under the CWA and other regulatory tools fit together to help protect and restore watersheds.

(2) Tribal Nonpoint Source Program Workshop. Participants in this workshop will learn about watershed-based management and how to incorporate watershed-based planning techniques in their CWA 319 on-the-ground projects.

These workshops will be held at Agua Caliente Spa Resort Casino. For more information, please contact Tiffany Eastman at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov.

May 13 Stormwater Funding and Utility Development and BMPs: Pollutants, Selection and Maintenance, Irvine, CA

On-line registration is now available for the educational stormwater workshop. The workshop offers comprehensive, critical hands-on information exclusively for stormwater- and surface-water-quality professionals. Space is limited! Register today online at www.StormCon.com/events. For more information, please call Steve Di Giorgi (805) 682-1300, ext. 129

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Mar. 8-10 Air Quality Systems (AQS) Level 3, Research Triangle Park, NC

Mar. 14-18 Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Apr. 4-8 Air Pollution Technology (Level 2), Las Vegas, NV

The above courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information on the above courses, call Lydia Scheer (928) 523-8871 or go to Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu or visit their site: <http://www.nau.edu/itep>

Mar. 15-18 Tribal Forest Protection Act and Stewardship contracting workshop, Apline, CA

This workshop is sponsored by the following organizations: San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; Tule River Tribe; Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians;

California Indian Forest and Fire Management Council, Intertribal Timber Council, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region and USDI Bureau of Land Management. Registration is free, but space is limited. Please contact Robin Renteria at 909/382-2682 or rrenteria@fs.fed.us. For more information, please call Sonia Tamez at 707/562-8919 or stamez@fs.fed.us.

Resource Training Institute (RTII)

- Mar. 8-9 Advanced PCB's Workshop, Washington, DC**
- Mar. 22-24 Radioactive Waste Management Training, Oak Ridge, TN**
- Mar. 29-30 Advanced PCB's Workshop, Washington, DC**
- Mar. 29-31 Environmental Laws and Regulations, Oak Ridge, TN**
- Apr. 4-5 CERCLA Orientation and Remedial Investigations, Oak Ridge, TN**
- Apr. 5-6 Leadership Development workshop, Oak Ridge, TN**
- Apr. 13-15 Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls, Orlando, FL**

To register, please contact the RTII Registrar at (706) 951-5685, email registrar@rtii.org or go to: http://www.rtii.org/rti_REGFORM01.pdf

U.S. EPA will sponsor arsenic training courses on the following dates and locations:

- Apr. 25-26 Phoenix, AZ**
- Apr 28 – 29 Sacramento, CA**
- May 9-10 Omaha, NE**
- May 12-13 South Bend, IN**
- May 23-24 Austin, TX**

These technology-focused training events are geared for state drinking water staff, design engineers, systems owners and certified operations. For more information, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic.html>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for March 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. NETI is also advertising some EPA regional office-sponsored courses from Regions 4, 5 and 6. Classes of some of the most popular enforcement courses such as Basic Inspector, Advanced Inspector, and Advanced Negotiations Skills training are now available. A free catalog and schedule list of videos and CD-ROM courses can be mailed to you by calling (202) 564-2430 or by visiting <http://www.netionline.com/> and registering as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online. Start class in your own office!

Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Jun 5–Jul 1 Water Resources Technician Program, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

Aug. 7–26 Water Resources Technician Program, University of Alaska, Fairbanks AK

These are tentative dates. Please forward applications to: Mr. Mo Balock, BIA, Branch of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C. Street, NW,

Washington, D.C. 20240. No internet access is available for BIA at this time. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications please contact Mo Balock (202) 208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956 or (202) 208-4004. The deadline for applications is April 8, 2005.

Grants and loans

Resource Conservation Funds

Solicitations are now open for U.S. EPA Region 9 proposals for cooperative agreements that address solid waste reduction and management. Cooperative agreements will be awarded through Resource Conservation Funds under the authority of Section 8001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. A full announcement is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/rcra.html> Please contact Heather White at (415) 972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov for more information.

Targeted Watersheds Grant Program

EPA has announced the Call for Nominations from Tribal Leaders and Governors for watershed proposals under the Targeted Watersheds Grant Program. The Targeted Watersheds Grant Program is a competitive grant program designed to support the protection and restoration of the country's water resources through a holistic watershed approach to water quality management. The goals of the Targeted Watersheds Grant Program are to support community-based partnerships to implement water quality projects that achieve measurable water quality improvements, and to encourage innovative solutions in watershed protection and restoration that lead to real environmental results. Approximately \$10 million will be available to support nation-wide projects. EPA anticipates that typical grant awards for the selected watersheds will range from \$600,000 to \$900,000 depending on the amount requested and the overall size and need of the project. A 25% non-federal match is required. The deadline for EPA receipt of nominations, both in hard copy and electronic form, is May 19, 2005. For further information, contact Sam Ziegler at (415) 972-3399 or ziegler.sam@epa.gov or visit the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/2005/2005grantsolicit.html> .

Water Quality Cooperative

U.S. EPA has released the national solicitation for proposals under 104 (b) (3) - Water Quality Cooperative. The FY 2005 Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Request for Proposals overview has been posted at the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/wqca/2005.htm> with a link to the full announcement at: http://www.epa.gov/owm/wqca/2005_final.pdf Proposals are due April 22, 2005. For more information, please contact Barry Benroth (202) 564-0572.

Water Quality

U.S. EPA Region 9 requests applications for the Water Quality Cooperative Agreements Grants Program. Proposals should address total maximum daily loads, animal feeding operations, impacts of wet weather flows and water quality trading in the region. Projects must benefit EPA Region 9 including AZ, CA, HI, NV, the Pacific Island territories. Tribal Nations in Region 9 are encouraged to apply under a separate solicitation (for more info, contact Loretta Vanegas at vanegas.loretta@epa.gov . \$850K is expected to be available and twelve awards are anticipated. Pre-proposals are due March 1, 2005 and final proposals due May 1, 2005. For more information, contact Tina Yin at yin.christina@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/watercoop-rfp05.html> .

Native American Sustainable Communities

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requests applications for the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) for Native Americans Program. SEDS emphasizes community based, locally designed projects that address economic development, social development and governance. Responses are due April 19, 2005. For more information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-ANA-NA-0003.html>.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

EPA Office of Solid Waste (OSW)

OSW is soliciting grant proposals for tribal hazardous waste management program planning, development, and implementation. Project proposals are due to the National

Tribal Hazardous Waste Program Manager no later than close of business on Thursday, March 31, 2005. For more information, please contact roy.denise@epa.gov or call (703) 308-8458. Tribes in Region 9 should contact the following solid waste team if you need assistance:

Heather White (415) 972-3384 - Arizona/Nevada and Owens Valley Tribes
Kelly Doordan (415) 972-3383 - Northern California Tribes
Wenona Wilson (415) 972-3239 - Southern California Tribes

U.S. EPA new grants to reduce lead poisoning in high-risk communities

EPA announces the availability of \$750,000 to reduce lead poisoning in high risk areas. This new competitive grant program will provide funds for projects to:

1. Address areas with high incidences of elevated blood-lead levels;
2. Identify and address areas with high potential for heretofore undocumented elevated blood lead levels;
3. Develop tools to address unique and challenging issues in lead poisoning prevention; and/or
4. Identify tools that are replicable and scalable for other areas.

Applicants must represent areas with high incidences of elevated blood lead levels or areas which do not have adequate blood lead monitoring data, but which are likely to have high incidences of elevated blood lead levels. Proposals should include ways to address unique and challenging issues in lead-poisoning prevention, particularly ones that could be replicated in other high-risk areas. Applicants should submit written applications on plain paper to regional lead contacts. Decisions will be made on the basis of this informal application; successful applicants will then be required to submit the full application. EPA intends to award individual grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The grantees will be announced in April 2005. Contact Elizabeth Wilde (404) 562-8998 for more information. Also, the proposal process is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/lead>
The synopsis of the announcement has been posted on Fedgrants.gov, and can be viewed at http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/postdate_1.html.

California Bay-Delta Authority science grants

This program is seeking to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

Information about other CALFED program proposal solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsab-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program gives grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level.

CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.

The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September. For more information concerning grant opportunities at the California endowment please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife

The due date for Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY 2005 Tribal Wildlife grants programs is April 4, 2005. All proposals must be postmarked before or by that date. To view the Federal Register Notices for these programs you can visit the following sites:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-2090.pdf>

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-2091.pdf>

The Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy has published the following funding opportunities. For monthly summaries of funding opportunities and other funding resources, go to: http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html. Full text of many of these funding notices can be accessed at the following internet sites: FedGrants notices: <http://www.fedgrants.gov> FBO notices: Loren Data Corporation: <http://www.fbodaily.com/> or FedBizOpps: <http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>

Environmental Justice

U.S. EPA requests applications for the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. This program provides assistance to community-based organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental and/or public health problems. \$750K is expected to be available award range. Responses are due April 4, 2005. For more information, go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-GRANTS-021805-001/Grant.html>

Environmental Decision Making

U.S. EPA requests applications for the Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (REMAP). The primary objective of REMAP is to assist regions, states, local governments, and tribes to incorporate the latest science on ecological monitoring into their environmental decision making process. \$1.9 million is expected to be available and responses are due March 14, 2005. For more information, contact Jo Thompson at (218) 529-5198 or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/emap/remap/html/projects/RFA05.pdf> .

Underground Storage Tanks and Site Remediation Enforcement

EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks and the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement recently issued a joint memorandum clarifying EPA's policies regarding the use of leaking underground storage tank (LUST) trust fund money in Indian Country. The memorandum will make it easier for Regions to obtain approval from Headquarters for the use of LUST trust funds to investigate and remediate releases from underground storage tanks on trust lands. The memorandum addresses sites where the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) negotiated a lease with a third party on behalf of a trust land beneficiary (either the tribe or an individual) and the third party abandoned their underground storage tank(s) on the trust lands.

Mattel Children's Foundation

The Mattel Children's Foundation new Domestic Grants Program seeks applications from organizations that serve children in communities within the U.S. that address a locally defined need. Priority is given to programs that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities: health, education, and girl's empowerment. Pilot projects and new organizations may be considered but programs with at least two years experience are preferred. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for one year. Preference is given to organizations that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1,000,000 and are not associated with a national organization. Application Deadline: Cycle I - April 8, 2005, Cycle II - September 30, 2005. For application guidelines, please visit www.mattel.com

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The goal of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's 2003-2008 Strategic Plan is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through health programming. Health programming at the Foundation centers on improving individual and community health, and improving access to quality health care. The Foundation's grant-making initiatives focus on the non-biological determinants of health, and target communities, health care systems, and public health. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants under three areas: Health Care Safety Net, Quality of Health Care Services, and Health Leadership - With an Emphasis on Diversity. Online applications are preferred. There is a rolling application deadline. For more information and application guidelines, please visit <http://www.wkkf.org/>

Miscellaneous items

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is available to provide training to tribal governments on the investigation of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415)972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Community health air pollution information system (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are understandable and visual. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

National Coastal Condition Report. (NCCR)

EPA is releasing the second NCCR, updating the first report issued in 2001. The information is based on four years of sound, EPA-sponsored consistent monitoring data from 23 coastal states, NOAA, USGS and USFWS. It serves as a continuing foundation for the EPA's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. The NCCR II will help environmental managers identify existing and emerging problems, establish quantifiable trends, and evaluate their coastal environmental programs. Hard copies of the report will be available in about a month by calling 1-800-490-9198 and requesting EPA

publication # 620/R-03/002; in the meantime, copies can be printed from the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2/>

Showcase of student writings

The writings of American Indian students from our state will be showcased in a small booklet at the 28th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education. Poetry, short stories, and photography from K-12 American Indian youths who reside in California will be featured. If possible, please submit black and white photographs; but color photographs will be accepted. All submissions should address the conference theme "Educating Tomorrow's Leaders." Photographs and writings that demonstrate the power of intergenerational education, whether formal or cultural, are especially welcome. Please encourage your youths to have their work published. Writings should be mailed to: American Indian Education Program, 1919 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901, phone: (530) 749-6196 Fax: (530) 741-7840 or email: jgraham@mjusd.k12.ca.us

Copyright will remain with the authors. Works submitted for publication will not be returned, so please send copies only. All works should be submitted for review by Monday, March 7, 2005. Along with each submission, please include the following information: Student Name Tribal Affiliation Age of Student, Phone Number, Address Sponsoring organization (i.e., Title IX, IEC, or school)

Job openings

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has a job opening for an environmental protection manager. While reporting to the Executive Director of Governmental Operations, the environmental protection manager directs, supervises and coordinates the monitoring and protecting of the land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of its economic, cultural and political objectives. He/she oversees the administration of EPA grant funds and tribal funds in the implementation of these objectives. Position oversees cultural resource management as well. For more information, contact Jerry Paresa at (909) 864-8933 ext. 2141 or email jparesa@sanmanuel-nsn.gov

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. The director will supervise environmental programs for the Campo Environmental Protection Agency. Programs include water, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Applicants must have the following qualifications: minimum of a technical bachelor's degree (math, science, engineering), minimum of 2 years of program management, minimum of 2 years of direct supervision, experience in working with tribal governments or small communities and ability to speak in public. Salary is \$55,000 - \$70,000 based on experience. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. For further information or to submit an application, contact Kerm Shipp or Rebecca Largo at the tribal offices (619) 478-2177. Applications must be received by March 18, 2005

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Thermal, CA has an immediate opening for an environmental specialist. The applicant must have an AA degree in related fields and two years experience in working with tribes. Great Benefits. Please fax resume to (760) 397-9853.

The Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center on the Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton, Oregon. has an opening for a Natural Resource Specialist at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center. The clinic provides comprehensive health care to the Indian population of approximately 3,000 people. The salary range is \$40,000 to \$50,00 per year depending on qualifications. This announcement closes on March 14, 2005. Minimum qualifications are as follows: Master's Degree and appropriate certification in Environmental Health or Environmental Toxicology or closely related field, with five years professional work experience in field of environmental health related to anthropogenically-derived environmental toxins and human health risk and protection, environmental toxicology or human health- nutrition. For more information, please call: Janyce Quaempts, Executive Assistant & Human Resources, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, P.O. Box 160, Pendleton, OR 97801, Phone: 541-278-7549

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

EPA Region 9

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

American Indian Environmental Office (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/indian>

Pollution Prevention Web site:

<http://www.tribalp2.org/aboutus.php>

Region 9 grant program

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/border2012-04.html>

Grant opportunities

<http://calwater.ca.gov/GrantOpportunities/GrantInformation.shtml>

Tribal compliance and enforcement-related assistance

<http://cfpub1.epa.gov/clearinghouse/index.cfm?TopicID=C:10:450:CA:TRIBAL>

Office of Compliance (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance>

National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse

<http://www.epa.gov/clearinghouse>

Federal Money for Native Americans

http://www.educationmoney.com/native_americans.html

Pollution Prevention and Environmental Management

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/>

Tribal Court Clearinghouse
<http://www.tribal-institute.org>

National Tribal Environmental Council
<http://www.ntec.org/>

Federal Indian Law Handbook
<http://www.thorpe.ou.edu/cohen.html>

National Tribal Justice Resource Center
<http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/>

National Congress of American Indians
<http://www.ncai.org>

Center for Disease Control
<http://www.cdc.gov>

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
<http://www.itcaonline.com/>

National Water Program Strategic Plan 2004-2008 and National Program Guidance for 2005
<http://www.epa.gov/water/waterplan/index.html>

National American Indian Housing Council
<http://naihc.net>

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance
<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>

Department of Energy Web site
http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html.

The following listserv will be used for distributing information on grants and/or funding opportunities, regulatory changes, and for gathering information that may be needed specifically for solid waste issues. If you have any questions or would like more information on this listserv, please contact Robin Powell (775) 574-0101, ext. 12.

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